# Kishoge Community College Principal’s Report to Parents 17th December 2020

## covid-19 response plan

No cases of transmission of Covid-19 within the school to date.

## Uniform campaign

High levels of compliance since Dec 1st.

Committee to review uniform required for January

## Online Parent-student-teacher meeting

Sixth year PTMS held on Tues 8 Dec via Teams.

Very successful from school’s point of view.

## literacy policy

We are delighted to announce that Kishoge CC has been recognised by the PDST as a Wellread School. This national award recognises our school community’s dedication to growing a reading culture in our school. A portfolio of our work was assessed by the PDST (Professional Development Service for Teachers) and the results were announced this week. We are very proud of all the staff and students who have participated in the many literacy initiatives that have taken place in our school over recent years.

## LCA update

This month fifth years have had an outstanding month both inside and outside the classroom, 5a6 participated in the winter fair where every group that attended made quite a large profit on all of their products. Some students were thrilled with the fact that there products were also recognised on various school run instagram pages such as the T4 work of the week. Inside the classroom 5a6 also won class of the week as well with a range of various key assignments being complete.

6a5 also have been doing great with all their task work up to date, students are completing a variety of online courses such as nail technician, photography, animation, film making and personal training courses as part of their practical achievement task. They also made some very delicious ice cream as part of their Hotel catering and tourism class.

## TY update

**Cyber Safety Day:** Students took part in a day long programme which included the following: Online Platform Usage Etiquette, Digital Footprint, Cyber Bullying, Digital Stranger Danger, Sextortion, Device Usage & Social etiquette.

**Plague Doctors of Prague:** An historical virtual tour was organised for the students. They were connected through live to Prague via Teams and brought on a virtual tour by a local tour company and covered the topic around the medieval plague doctors of Prague.

**Eco-UNESCO Workshop:**TYs explored the good and the bad sides of modern plastics. They examined their own plastic purchasing habits and formulated a plan to reduce our plastic dependency at both an individual and community level.

**Random Acts of Kindness:** 4A1, led by their tutor Angela, took on the initiative to deliver a random act of kindness to their teachers. All teachers received a personalised note and a much-needed chocolate-fix.

**Cancer Awareness Webinar:** Facilitated by the Marie Keating foundation, TYs got an opportunity to learn about different types of cancer. They had an opportunity via Teams to engage with a Health Information Nurse whom educated them in the different forms of cancer.

**TY Winter Fair:**Facilitated by the Business Dept. the TYs have been working hard on their projects for the winter fair. The day proved to be a great success.

**TY Portfolio Interviews:** All TYs were interviewed for the first half of TY by the TY tutors. They got an opportunity to showcase their success so far in TY and set some targets for the remainder of TY. (These interviews are worth 20% of the TY overall grade.)

## Ethical ed

Ethical Ed Movement and Migration Campaign – has completed month three. In Nov the second years completed a project which explores migration through movement and drama. Tami and Alex delivered to all second-year students and there was an update at assembly. An Ethical Education wall is being worked on in school - we are purchasing a beautiful wooden world map to highlight the home countries of all of our students and framed Ethical Education posters by our students will hang there also. Ciara has spoken to a network of teachers at the Worldwise Global Schools management symposium and plans are underway for next year's whole school campaign "Debating Democracy" - which may link us with other schools in the Educate Together network.

## disability awareness week

We celebrated DAW on the week of the 30th Nov - 4th of December. We had displays around the school, sharing information about different disabilities and spreading awareness. Students and staff made personalised posters talking about their own disabilities and how this impacts their life and learning in school (or not). During SPHE students learned about different disabilities and the lesson included a video of one of our students talking about their disability Friedrich's Ataxia. This was really powerful, and the students got a lot from the lesson. Students also had an opportunity to experience inclusive and adapted sports in PE. We had announcements on the intercom every day from students and staff, we updated twitter to share information and we sent emails to students at the end of every day focusing on different areas. The focus of the week was really about identifying the abilities in disabilities.

## computer science dept

**BTYS**

Two students from 3rd year Aqlan Ardy and Japnitt Singh are in the (virtual) BTYS competition on the first week back after Christmas. Best of luck to both boys who are looking forward to the competition and have created a "smart" greenhouse using a miniature computer.

**CLICK initiative**

Session 3 of the CLICK (Creating Leaders in Coding, Kishoge) concluded last week with a cohort of first-year girls designing an app under the theme "tech for good". Apps to help with the loneliness of COVID restriction to and app to help combat anxiety, were just some of the apps designed. CLICK is a long-term project which aims to increase girls uptake of Coding by assigning a group of them a female mentor who will guide their progress in Computer Science throughout their 6 years in Kishoge.

**Microsoft Girls in Data Centres Program**

5 senior students; Eryn, Khate, Serena, Madalina and Eloghosa had their first slot with an interesting project. This pilot will equip students with IT fundamentals through trainer led and autonomous learning content with the aim of achieving an internationally recognised certification in CompTIA ITF+. The program, facilitated by Microsoft trainers and Learning and Development experts will promote professional development – networking, interview skills, LinkedIn tools, and how to build resilience.

## art dept

The Art department are currently working with the creative captains to create an Art installation for the Gratitude Campaign.

Work is also underway in creating another Art installation for the Wellread committee - senior students are working on creating a large-scale reading tree.

Art students plus TYs were working on two PRIDE installations:

1. 1) A permanent piece
2. 2) An interactive piece that has been added to throughout PRIDE week

Creative Leaders -

Have been working on a gratitude piece that can be displayed every November in Kishoge.

## virtual talent show

Kishoge CC Talent Show of 2020 took place in Tuesday’s assembly showcasing the fantastic talent we have in our school.

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## wellbeing

Our December whole school wellbeing campaign has focused on Gratitude - with all students and staff writing a gratitude journal to document the little things they are grateful for. Some of these journal entries will be included in our "Bee Grateful" art installation.

## Staff donation

As a part of the ‘Kishoge 2020 advent calendar’, staff were asked to donate new toys and clothing to a local food bank.

The response was overwhelming and we collected over 100 toys, items of children’s clothing and books.

Two staff members delivered the toys to the Clondalkin Food Bank which is operated by SVP. All of the items collected will be distributed to families who are struggling financially this year as part of the food bank Christmas hamper.

A brilliant response by staff to a very worthwhile local cause.